(d) whether the results produced are satisfactory;

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to take some concrete steps to curtail the public expenditure; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have been issuing from time to time a number of instructions to curtail Government expenditure.

(b) to (f). The Revised estimates for the current year are under preparation keeping these instructions in view and these will be presented to Parliament along with the Budget estimates for 1992-93.

Inclusion of Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay and Agra-Indore-Nasik-Bombay National Highways in Expressway System

*38. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay-National Highway and Agra-Indore-Nasik-Bombay National Highway No. 3 in National Expressway system;

(b) whether under the proposed Express way system Delhi-Jaipur stretch has been accorded first priority while Jaipur-Ajmer stretch has been accorded second priority;

(c) if so, whether the Government contemplate to accord first priority to Jaipur-Ajmer road keeping in view the heavy traffic on this route; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Advisory Committee Report on Free Port

*39. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Committee set up to examine the desirability and feasibility of establishing a free port in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The report is expected to be submitted shortly.

Impact of Investments Under New Policy to Upgrade Technology on Employment Generation

*40. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that investments under the new policy to upgrade technology would lead to higher capital intensity and would lower employment generation; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Recent structural reforms in the spheres of industry and trade are expected to increase efficiency and productivity and impart dynamism to the growth process and provide a solid foundation for higher industrial and overall growth. Employment growth is likely to be higher because of higher investments, expansion of industrial base, better capacity utilisation, tehnological upgradation and higher rate of growth of output.

The new industrial policy clearly states that Government will fully protect the interests of labour, enhance their welfare and equip them in all respects to deal with the inevitability of technological change. In addition, Government have also announced a new Small Sector Industrial Policy for the promotion and strengthening of small, tiny and village industries which have recognised potential for larger generation of employment.

Reinvestment Scheme for Indira Vikas Patra

203. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indira Vikas Patras which matured on November 19, 1991 and the value thereof;

(b) whether the Government have worked out a re-investment scheme for these Indira Vikas Patras; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Under the existing system of accounting, the accounts are compiled and tendered on a monthly basis and not on a day to day basis.

(b) and (c). All the small savings instruments including Indira Vikas Patras are available on tap throughout the year in which the maturity proceeds can be reinvested.

Financial Assistance from Abroad for Development of Inland Waterways

204. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any offer of foreign financial and technical assistance for the development of Inland Waterways System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of foreign assistance presently being taken; and

(d) the details of schemes submitted by the State Governments for development of Inland Water Transport through foreign aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Netherlands Government's assistance of 30.2 million Guilders (financial) and 9.8 million Dutch Guilders (technical) for modernisation of Rajabagan Dockyard have been offered. There are also some proposals of studies/ training by Netherlands Government. Utilisation of financial assistance for modernisation of Rajabagan Dockyard has not commenced.

(d) No such schemes have been submitted by State Governments.